



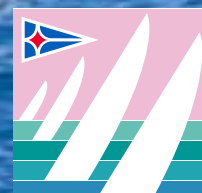
YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



ROLEX SWAN CUP CARIBBEAN 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

VIRGIN GORDA, 3rd - 7th MARCH





1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in collaboration with Nautor's Swan. The Event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as the National Authority to ISAF.

2 THE RULES

The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013-2016);
- (b) Current IRC Rules, Parts A, B and D. IRC Rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no crew number or weight limitation;
- (c) ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 no white flares are required, amending Special Regulation 4.23, Jackstays are not required, amending Special Regulation 4.04. Life rafts on board are compulsory to Regulation 4.20 specifications.
- (d) The Sailing Instructions including all the appendices;
- (e) In the event of a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7;
- (f) Advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions;
- (g) English shall be the official language of the Regatta;
- (h) The Organizing Authority may amend this Notice in accordance with RRS 88.2(a). Any amendments to this Notice will be emailed to all Owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the official website. During the Regatta, any amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Headquarters and on the official website;
- (i) No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- (j) RRS 55 is changed adding the the following sentence to the rule. 'However, the use of biodegradable wool bands in the course of setting a sail is permitted.' The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions."
- (k) The Registration Nationality of a boat is indicated by the owner of the boat as set out in the entry form (FLAG section). If not indicated the sail number and/or the owner's nationality will be used.

3 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats will be required to display the Sponsor's pennant on the backstay and Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta and the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored.

3.1 The Organizing Authority will supply the decals, pennant and flags at registration.

3.2 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.

3.3 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.

3.4 Racing yachts shall display an identification number (Panels) clearly on both sides of the hull. This amends RRS 77. The identification numbers shall be collected at registration.

3.5 Boats are responsible for informing advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Porto Cervo Marina Area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the Regatta.

3.6 Absence of identification numbers (paragraph 3.4), class flags and/or decals may be matter for action by the International Protest Committee on report by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority only. This amends RRS 60.1.

4 ELIGIBILITY & CLASSES

4.1 The regatta is open to all Nautor's Swan yachts with a valid IRC Certificate or a valid CSA Certificate and all such yachts are invited to the regatta. It is the intent of the Organizing Authority to divide the fleet into two Classes based on final entries.

Class A (Swan Maxi)

Boats of LH 18.29m and above;

Class B (Swan)

Boats of LH 18.28m and below



4.2 Classes A and B may be further split into divisions based on rating system and spinnaker / non-spinnaker division. This will be confirmed by the Organizing Authority and published in a Notice to Competitors after the close of Registration on Tuesday 3rd March.

4.3 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend the above class designations based on actual entries received and/or to amalgamate and/or further split classes at its discretion. The decisions of the Organizing Authority in this respect shall be final and there shall be no claims for redress (changing RRS 62).

4.4 IRC Certificates and CSA Certificates shall be received by the O.A. by the 20th February 2015. A preliminary split of the fleet will be published on the YCCS website by the 28th of February.

4.5 With the permission of the IRC Technical Committee, boats may apply to the Organizing Authority for a rating allowance when some or all of the boat's crew live aboard, with personal gear and stores, for the duration of the regatta. Boats applying for this allowance shall specify the number of crew living aboard by the 28th of February and shall comply with Appendix A to this Notice of Race and complete the Request Form to be returned to the YCCS Race Office.

5 RACING ENTRIES

5.1 Entries shall be made on the enclosed Entry Form (Annex 1) which shall be completed and returned, by email or fax, to:

YCCS Race Office: Fax: +39 0789 91213 | Email: secretariat@yccs.it

5.2 Entry Fees (mooring fees and social programme are included in the entry fee):

a) For Swans up to 14.00m LOA	1,000.00 USD
b) For Swans of 14.01m to 18.00m LOA	1,200.00 USD
c) For Swans of 18.01m to 24.00m LOA	1,400.00 USD
d) For Swans over 24.01m LOA	1,600.00 USD

5.3 The non refundable entry fee shall accompany the entry form. The entry fee may be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer as stated in details on the entry form. If payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form.

5.4 Entries shall be received by YCCS not later than 1st February 2015.

Entries will not be confirmed until the full entry fee has been received by the YCCS.

5.5 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries after 1st February 2015, on payment of an additional fee (US \$ 500.00). No moorings can be assured for late entries.

6 NON RACING ENTRIES

6.1 Nautor's Swan yachts wishing to participate in the social programme of the Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean but not participate in the racing programme can do so by completing the enclosed entry form, specifying that the boat is NON RACING. The same procedure and entry fee shall apply (it will be requested to fill in the Crew List form in order to assign invitation cards, wristbands etc..)

6.2 NON RACING entries will not affect the results.

7 MOORINGS

7.1 The entry fee includes moorings from 08.00 hrs on Tuesday 3rd March to 11.00 hrs on Sunday 8th March, provided that the completed entry form and fee are received by the YCCS before 1st February 2015.

7.2 The cost of electricity, water charges, other Marina services, tenders as well as mooring fees for late entries or additional periods are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the Marina Office.

7.3 The mooring place for any additional period (before and/or after the event) may be different from the mooring place assigned by the Marina in conjunction with the Organizing Authority during the event. Assignment of moorings will be based on availability of moorings and characteristics of boats.

7.4 To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated in NoR 7.1 and for tenders please apply directly to the YCCS Marina Office:

YCCS Marina Office: +1 284 393 2000 | **Email:** info@yccs.vg

Early booking is recommended.



7.5 All boats MUST complete and return to the Marina Office the mooring reservation form and inform the Harbourmaster's Office on VHF Channel 08 when they first arrive at the YCCS Marina and each time they leave or enter the Harbour.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration and Inspection

Tuesday March 3 rd		09:00 – 16:00
	Skipper's Briefing	16.30

8.2 Dates of racing

Date	Programme	Scheduled time of first signal
Wednesday, March 4 th	Racing	11:00
Thursday, March 5 th	Racing	11:00
Friday, March 6 th	Racing	11:00
Saturday, March 7 th	Racing	11:00

8.3 Prize Giving

Saturday, March 7th

8.4 Alteration of Programme:

The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

9 RATING CERTIFICATES AND MEASUREMENT

Rating certificates shall be received by the Organizing Authority no later than February 20th. A list of the ratings of the boats will be posted on YCCS website (www.yccs.com) by February 28th. The protest time limit for rating protests for boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire on March 3rd at 15:00 hrs.

10 REGISTRATION

The registration shall be completed with the Organizing Authority by 16.00 hrs on Monday 3rd March and the official forms will be provided by the Organizing Authority and published on the YCCS web site.

At registration the following documents will be required:

- Acceptance of the Notice of Race, Disclaimer of liability, Photography and TV rights consent and Insurance third party liability as set out in the Entry Form;
- Crew list completed in full and signed;
- Media Releases Consent form signed by all crew members;

Boats not complying with the requirements of NoR 10 are not eligible for the event except with the permission of the International Jury.

11. SECURITY

11.1 A Regatta wristband will be necessary to use the facilities within the regatta village and also for access to all the regatta social events. This wristband is not transferable and will be provided by the Organizing Authority upon registration.

11.2 Each Swan will be allocated a number of wristbands, as part of the entry fee, based on the crew list submitted for each boat.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at final registration on Tuesday 3rd March and published online on the YCCS website (www.yccs.com).

13 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be coastal courses in the waters of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

In accordance with RRS 44 a boat that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a penalty but RRS 44.1 is altered in that to the extent that the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply except that there will be no discard Four races are scheduled and one race has to be completed to constitute the series.



16 COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

16.1 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver that could operate on VHF 8, 72 and 16.

16.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite, AIS, etc., are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except weather forecast information.

16.3 Boat to boat communication are allowed and encouraged to allow the safest possible navigation during the regatta and one dedicated VHF channel will be used for this purpose.

16.4 Yachts equipped with Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to operate their AIS system from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

17 PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protests will be heard by an International Protest Committee.

18 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- A Rolex Timepiece to the first overall classified boats in Classes A and B;
- Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall classified boats in Classes A and B;
- The Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean Trophie that will be presented to the overall Class winners;

A full list of all Trophies to be presented during the Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean will be published on the Official Notice Board.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

20 DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Rolex S.A., Nautor Holding Srl and all persons or sponsors involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behavior and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Nautor Holding, the Sponsors and their agents, the Race Officials which shall include everyone involved in the management of the racing, the Race Officers, the International Protest Committee and their assistants have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

21 MEDIA RELEASES

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority, Nautor Holding Srl and the Sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.



22 SOCIAL EVENTS

The social programme is scheduled as follow:

Date	Programme
Tuesday, 3 rd March	Opening Reception and Welcome Cocktail
Thursday, 4 th March	Caribbean Barbeque
Friday, 5 th March	Rolex Dinner
Saturday, 7 th March	Final Prize Giving and Farewell party

The final schedule will be available at time of registration (S.I. Appendix Delta) and published on the official websites (www.yccs.com) & Nautor (www.nautorswan.com) websites.

23 PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

YCCS Press Office

Tel: +39 0789 902200| Fax: 39 0789 91213| Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

and/or

Nautor's Swan Press Office

Email: media@nautorswan.com

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the event web site www.yccs.com.

Racing Information contact: YCCS Race Office

Tel: +39 0789 902200| Fax: +39 0789 91213| Email: secretariat@yccs.it

or

ClubSwan

Tel: + 39 055 240382| Email: racing-office@nautorswan.com

About the Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean

2015 marks the second edition of the biennial Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean, held at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's new clubhouse in the sailing paradise of the British Virgin Islands. The event is organized by Rolex, Nautor's Swan and the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, who have established close ties through organizing the Rolex Swan Cup in Porto Cervo, Sardinia since the early 1980s and is held in alternate years to the Mediterranean regatta. The event is open to all Nautor's Swan yachts.

WINNERS

2013 – SWAN 601- STARK RAVING MAD (USA), SWAN 42- ARETHUSA (USA)

Appendix A

A.1 Boats receiving the "live-aboard" crew allowance shall carry while racing the following minimum for each live-aboard crew member, in addition to items required by special and safety regulations:

- sailing clothes for the regatta duration;
- wet/foul weather gear;
- ashore clothes for the regatta duration;
- storage bag/luggage;
- adequate bedding;
- personal items (toiletries, valuables, documents, etc);
- adequate cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery;
- domestic provisions for the regatta duration;
- basic food preparation provisions for the regatta duration;
- canned, dried &/or frozen provisions for the regatta duration;
- fresh food stores maintained throughout the regatta (for breakfast and at least one daily meal aboard);
- an adequate variety of drinks;
- 20 litres (5 gallons) fresh water per live-aboard crew member maintained throughout the regatta.

A.2 The maximum number of live-aboard crew shall not exceed the number of fitted bunks, including settee berths and pipe cots.

A.3 To qualify for the live-aboard allowance, the minimum weight of the items detailed by A.1, plus also other items of a personal nature, and the boat's spares, tools, emergency fuel etc., but excluding any item required to be carried by special and safety regulations, shall be 140kg per live-aboard crew member. No more than 40 litres of water per live-aboard crew member and 10 litres of fuel per live-aboard crew member shall be included in this weight. Except when in use, all items included shall be properly stowed in appropriate lockers or other storage areas while racing.

A.4 Qualification for live-aboard rating allowance shall only be protested by the Race Committee.

